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Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

A Note from Don:

I put this on Face Book the other day, so some of you may have seen a shortened version of this already. But, last January 1, I remember standing in my driveway in Beaumont, Texas... Praying that God would guide me and my family... and take us where we needed to go. Months earlier I had resigned as Senior Pastor of my church in Beaumont with no idea of where I would go or what I would do. But I told Linda, after much prayer I was convinced the time was right, and He would provide. I had a salary from the church that would run through April 1st. On January 2012, I had spoken with the nice people at Oaks, but that was about all. And even if that were to work out we would need something for Linda. And my daughter Kelsey who had recently graduated from TCU was looking for something as well. As I alluded to earlier, I had a real peace through all this process that everything would work out well. Oh sure, I had flashes of panic and fear, but I somehow knew if I continue to pray...and just trust Him... everything would be alright.

Well, on April 1st I started part-time with Oaks, right as my salary ran out from Beaumont. I never had one penny extra, but never went without...that's kind of how He works you know. Linda was offered a promotion, contingent on her moving to Houston. That worked out well. And in the summer, Kelsey was offered a job at Lanier Middle School here in Houston, what else could I ask for. So with 2013 now upon us, and many of us (including myself) wondering what the New Year will bring. I will continue to practice what I learned last year, and that is... to pray and to trust in Him...even when we have no idea where things are going!

In His Grip,
Pastor Don



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information
Contact**

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

Toiletries,
toothpaste, deodorant,
soap, bath tissue,
shampoo and shaving
cream.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Oaks has many activities to become a part of....such as Sunday School, Women's Fellowship, Bible Studies, Choir, Handbells just to name a few. If you like to sing and feel being in the choir is a place for you, then talk to Michael Rasco and we can make it happen. If you have Handbell questions, call Barb Scantlin.

JANUARY 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Closed 1/1/2013 No CWF Meeting 1/1/2013		1 Happy Blessed New Year!	2 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	3	4	5
6 Bread Sunday	7	8 Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m. CWF - Planning	9 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	10	11	12
13 Board Mtg.	14	15 CWF Love Meals 10:00 a.m.	16 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	17	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Disciples Center Closed	22 CWF Meeting/ Lunch	23 Holly Hall Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	24	25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends	26 Community Outreach Noon - 2 pm
27 Week of Laity begins	28	29 CWF Service	30 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	31		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

06 - Dorene Drake
14 - Oliver Harrison
16 - Barb Scantlin
23 - Anne Hudson, Agnes Pratt
25 - Betty Kasper
26 - Barbara Green, Sonja Davis
30 - Evalyn Ratcliff

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

07 - Bob and Sara Simons
08 - Andreas and Laura Aya

Pastor's Bible Study Every
Tuesday 6:15 p.m.



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Thank you notes, Church Attendance and Treasury Report
ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

December 19, 2012

We want to thank everyone involved in putting together and giving the baby shower for baby Spencer. It was so nice of everyone to be so kind and generous to our new precious one on the way. We also want to thank you for celebrating with us in happiness and joy of our upcoming miracle that God has blessed us with. As time is getting closer we are very excited to see what this little one is.

Thanks Again, Michael, Samantha (Sammy) and Katie Spencer

December 28, 2012

Dear Oaks Folks,

Just a note to let you know we love you and appreciate all the cards, prayers and visits.

Don is coming along nicely and we are hoping to be back in the near future. It's nice to be in a Church that cares.

Love ya, Don and Billie Murray

January 2, 2013

I would like to say a special "Thank you" to everyone here at Oaks for the special Christmas gift I received from all of you!

Still being the new kid on the block, I'm not all that familiar with your traditions around here, but I have to say...I really like them!

You are some of the kindest people I've ever been around and I count it a privilege to serve you. Thank you again for your kindness.

In His Grip, Pastor Don

January 2, 2013

Dear Oaks,

Thank you so much for the gift I received in your lovely Christmas card! It was unexpected but very much appreciated! My car needs work and now because of your kindness I plan to get it fixed.

Also, many thanks to all who brought me cookies, candy and other yummy edibles this Christmas. What a blessing you all are to me and Tyson! Please know it truly is my privilege and pleasure to serve all of you. Thank you again!

Much Love, Sonja Davis



OCTOBER Church Attendance Report

Attendance for the Month of SEPT.	Sunday School	Church Attendance
DEC 02, 2012	14	62
DEC 09, 2012	10	52
DEC 16, 2012	11	68
DEC 23, 2012	13	51
DEC 30, 2012	15	44
TOTALS	63	277

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2012	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	DECEMBER
Deposits	8279.00	9853.00	9835.00
Disbursements	10844.47	10675.93	10353.61
Difference	(2565.47)	(822.93)	(518.61)